

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA RIVERKEEPER ASSOCIATION FILES MOTION TO
INTERVENE UNDER THE CWA IN THE MATTER OF U.S., et. al., v. CAPITOL REGION
WATER, et. al.

On May 6, 2021, the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association (LSRA) filed a Motion to Intervene in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in the matter of U.S. and PADEP v. Capitol Region Water (CRW) and the City of Harrisburg (collectively, Defendants), Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-00291-CCC, alleging that Defendants have failed to get an approvable Long Term Control Plan in place under the Partial Consent Decree (PCD), or to stem the flow of combined sewage into the Susquehanna River during wet weather events. LSRA sent the parties a request for concurrence on April 9, 2021. After some back and forth discussions regarding LSRA's draft motion, Plaintiffs' requested that LSRA withhold its comments until the Amended PCD had been lodged and a public comment period commenced. LSR replied that it would like to be a party of interest during future Amended PCD negotiations and did not want to wait until the public comment period, maintaining that little progress has been made since the PCD was entered to reduce the sewage going into the Susquehanna River. Both DOJ, on behalf of EPA, and PADEP told LSRA it would not concur in the filing of its LSRA's Motion to Intervene. Since the PCD was entered, CRW has spent over \$300 million to improve the long-neglected wastewater treatment and collection system, inherited from the City, as it works to get its system up to baseline. An EJ Assessment revealed that over 26% of the residents of the City of Harrisburg live below the poverty level. The state is a co-plaintiff in this matter. Primary contact: Pam Lazos, xt. 2658; Steve Maslowski, xt. 2371.